communities which are not adequately represented (a) in the service and (b) in the service as Heads of Departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) The principle has been followed for the past several years.

(c) Yes.

(d) 1010.

(e) A statement containing the available information is appended. (*Appendix IX.*)

(f) No, that has never been the policy of the Government.

(g) Whenever new appointments are made, the principle is kept in view.

Reduction of batta of process peons.

145. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that of all those in the inferior service the process peons of the Civil Courts alone were refused batta when out on duty;

(2) whether it is a fact that school masters and others employed in the malarial tracts are given special allowance;

(3) whether the Civil Court process peons have to stop in malarial tracts for fulfilling their duty;

(4) whether the allowance of these poor paid peons were withheld to show retrenchment in the Judicial Department which is top heavy?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) It is a fact that process peons are not given ordinarily any batta when out on duty.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes.

(4) The allowance of the peons was cut short as a measure of retrenchment being one of the items of expenditure in the department which could be reduced justifiably.

Officiating and in-charge appointments—difference between.

146. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether they make any difference between an officiating appointment and an in-charge appointment;

(2) if so, what is the difference?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(1) Yes.

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